

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to)
 introduce a new optional calling)
 plan called saver service for)
 residential and business customers)
 by SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
 TELEGRAPH)

DOCKET NO. 900522-TL

ORDER NO. 23418

ISSUED: 8-29-90

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL MCK. WILSON, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 FRANK S. MESSERSMITH

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 23, 1990, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or Company), proposed revisions to its General Subscribers Service Tariff to introduce a new optional calling plan called Saver Service for residential and business customers. The plan permits customers to purchase a block of time at a flat monthly rate for intraLATA long distance Message Telecommunications Service.

Saver Service is a set of specifically designed Optional Toll Calling Plans applicable to intrastate long distance calls originated and terminated in the customers home Local Access Transport Area (LATA). The service is offered in connection with outward customer dialed station-to-station calling, plus automated or operator assisted calling card, station-to-station, person-to-person, or collect calls which are billed to the customer's account. Saver Service discounts apply only to the message toll rates associated with such calls.

Saver Service is designed for both residential and business customers. The residential service allows a subscriber 120 minutes of use per account per month of intraLATA calling for \$21.96. The subscriber would be charged \$.1830 for each additional minute over the 2 hours. The plan designed for business customer is WATS Saver Service. This plan consists of three options: WS(2), WS(10), and WS(25) each having 2, 10, and 25 minimum hours of Wide Area Telephone Service for \$17.70, \$88.92, and \$225.00, respectively, with an additional minute of use rate of \$.1830, \$.1640, and \$.1500, respectively. Southern Bell has proposed banded rates for this service, including minimum, maximum, and the proposed current rates listed above.

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On June 22, 1990, the Florida Interexchange Carriers Association (FIXCA) filed a Motion to Intervene and Petition for Rejection of Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing. FIXCA alleged that Southern Bell's proposed rates did not cover the access costs. However, Southern Bell filed revised tariff pages on July 13, 1990, which are consistent with the FIXCA guidelines. FIXCA withdrew its Petition for Rejection of Southern Bell's Tariff at the July 31, 1990, agenda conference.

Additionally, on July 18, 1990, FIXCA filed an alternative request for hearing and a request to adopt uniform methodology for calculating the Local Exchange Company (LEC) Access Costs. The proposed guidelines are as follows:

1. Toll revenues should cover aggregate access costs for each market segment.
2. Access costs should be calculated with the understanding that originating access charges apply to non-conversation time (such as uncompleted calls).
3. Access costs should reflect the time-of-day distribution of the market under consideration.
4. Access costs should be calculated using effective tariffed rates that apply to actual network configurations.
5. The BHMOC rate should be the average BHMOC/minute-of-use rate realized during the most recent calendar period.

We decline to officially adopt FIXCA's guidelines at this time, although we believe Southern Bell's tariff filing meets the proposed guidelines, we find that the FIXCA guidelines should be addressed in a separate docket to be set for a workshop.

Along with the introduction of Saver Service, Southern Bell intends to obsolete GeoServ Service (GeoServ), which is an EAEAWide optional calling plan provided through the use of Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) facilities. The Company is proposing to obsolete GeoServ for several reasons. First, GeoServ is billed from two different revenue accounting offices because of the remote call forwarding feature of the service. The current computer billing system is unable to consolidate the information of the two revenue offices into one bill, resulting in customer confusion. In

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addition, GeoServ is an intraEAEA service with a cumbersome rate structure.

We believe that the Company's proposal to obsolete GeoServ is appropriate at this time considering the billing complications and the fact that Saver Service will offer a viable alternative to GeoServ. The Company plans to eliminate GeoServ on July 31, 1991. Although no new customers will be allowed to subscribe to GeoServ, current subscribers will be allowed to retain their service until GeoServ is eliminated. Therefore, we instruct the Company to immediately notify current customers of the planned obsolescence of GeoServ, and to renotify current GeoServ customers 60 days prior to the elimination date.

We believe Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing introducing Saver Service is appropriate. Offering this service to residential and business customers will make Southern Bell more competitive in the intraLATA toll market with those services being offered by the interexchange carriers. The proposed rates appear to adequately cover access charges.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's proposed tariff filing introducing a new optional calling plan called Saver Service, is hereby approved as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's proposal to obsolete GeoServ Service is hereby approved, with the effective elimination date of July 31, 1991. It is further

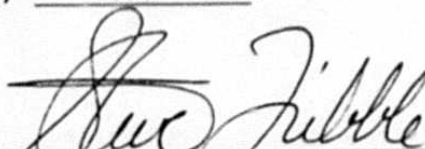
ORDERED that GeoServ customers shall be provided notice as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the issue of whether to adopt the Florida Interexchange Carrier Association's Guidelines for calculating local exchange company Access Costs shall be determined in a new docket. It is further

ORDERED that this docket be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 29th
day of August, 1990.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.